ANTARES CHARTS CORRECTIONS AND CAUTIONS 2025

Our current set of charts is **Antares Charts 2025:** the following **Corrections** and **Cautions** relate to issues identified after its publication. Corrections will be reflected in our next set of charts, expected to be published in January 2026. All Corrections and Cautions are subject to the Conditions posted on this website.

The UKHO is informed of our findings where appropriate.

NB The 2024 and all earlier chart sets have been superseded by the 2025 set and we strongly recommend that only the current set should be used.

NB Hydrographic surveying and cartography are not precise sciences. There will be errors and misleading representations on our charts as well as those published by others. Please read the sections on our website: 'Making the charts', 'Using the charts' and the 'Conditions'. Take great care at all times but especially if away from the routes described by the sailing directions.

Issues relating to charts in the 2025 set:

Correction and caution: AC 5809A Loch Roe
We have received a report of a fisherman's pontoon in the traditional anchoring spot at the W end on the inner loch.

Caution: AC 5819A Lochan Saile, Badcall Bay
We have received a report of a large number of fishing floats in the approaches, each with up to 20m of floating line. We have also been advised that there are now many more moorings in Lochan Saile, leaving less room to anchor.

Correction and caution: AC5636C and 5635AXL Loch Cuan, NW Mull
It transpires that there is a large area of oyster trestles at the S extremity of our chart, AC 5636C Loch Cuan, Main Anchorages and towards the N end of our 'work-in-progress' chart, AC5635AXL Loch Cuan, Dervaig Channel. These are not marked with buoys or posts and are not shown on the UKHO chart, although they are shown on the Navionics chart.

Correction and caution: AC 5620F Bull Hole, Sound of Iona
We have received a report of a new electricity cable crossing the upper part of the main channel, entering from the W between Eilean Gainmheinich and Eilean Dubh and then heading SE to the bay S of the ferry dinghy berth.

Correction and caution: AC 5642A Salen, Loch Sunart
The majority of the pontoons have been removed, following gale damage. The remaining pontoons give dinghy access to all the facilities that were previously available but there is no longer any alongside berthing. The visitor moorings remain in place.

Correction and caution: AC 5703W Acairseid Mhor, Eriskay
A significant underwater obstruction has been reported towards the NW of the inner anchorage close to the 3m contour at 57 deg 04.024' N 007 deg 17.711' W. There is also a new private mooring but there is still plenty of room to anchor.

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Correction and caution: AC 5705W Haun Bay, Sound of Eriskay
We have received a report of an approximately 0.5m reduction in depths along the S side of the surveyed approach channel.

Correction and caution: AC 5708B Isle Ornsay, Sound of Sleat
We encountered a band of thick green weed down the W side of the main anchorage, to the W of the buoys marked on our chart. This was sufficiently thick to prevent our anchor from biting. Anchoring conditions seemed fine elsewhere.

Correction and caution: AC 5716E Plock of Kyle, South Side, Loch Alsh
The visitor moorings have been removed from this bay, leaving only the Lochalsh pontoons for access to the shore-side facilities.

Correction and caution: AC 5745W Lingarabay, South Harris
A heavyweight floating line has been reported across the entrance to the inner areas, with only a narrow gap in the centre to pass though.

Correction and caution: AC 5800B Tanera More, Summer Isles
The fish pens have been replaced by a smaller number of larger pens, with associated changes to their mooring arrangements and to other moorings. The management of the charitable retreat may be able to help yachtsmen with moorings via VHF channel 8, and welcomes them ashore. There are, however, very limited public facilities and yachtsmen are requested to respect the privacy of residents at all times.

Correction: AC 5813WA Kirkibost Harbour, East Loch Roag, Lewis. We have been advised that there are new pontoons and associated facilities for yachtsmen.

Issues arising from 2025 surveys and reports, to be published as new charts in 2026 *(unless otherwise stated)**:***

Caution: AC 5657W Bagh Beag, Castlebay, Barra
We believe our chart to be a good representation of the entrance channel that dries over a length of some 70m, with least depth of 1.5m **above** chart datum. However, the current UKHO chart 2769-1 shows the channel as being open and coloured blue, by implication with a least depth of between 0 and 2m.

Caution: Leehinish Channel, Sandray (south of Barra)
The current UKHO chart shows a single spot depth of 2.0m in the channel between the Leehinish Peninsula and Sgeir Leehinish. Our recent survey has revealed a 0.5m rock right in the middle of this channel. This, along with strong tidal streams and consequent overfalls, makes it somewhere best avoided.

Caution: E approach to The Strand, between Colonsay and Oronsay
Our recent survey revealed a 0.4m rock just outside the dotted danger line of the largest scale UKHO chart 2169 that was current at the time. It is located at

56 deg 01.609’ N 006 deg 12.339’ W but is part of a larger reef with depths of less than 2m extending to about 70m in a NE-SW direction.

Caution: Drumadoon Bay, SW Arran
The current UKHO chart 2126 shows an anchor symbol adjacent to the end of the word ‘Drumadoon’ and close to a 2.1m depth. This is not a good place to anchor as it is over a rocky underwater spit. A better place is further inshore, where the chart shows a 6.9m depth.

Caution: Sgeir Mhaola Cinn, Loch Fyne (immediately N of Barmore Island)
The N cardinal beacon shown on the UKHO chart 2381 on the N side of the Sgeir Mhaola Cinn shoal in Loch Fyne was not there when we passed in 2025. This area does not feature on any of our charts although is relevant if approaching the anchorage shown on our chart AC 5553YB Barmore Island, North Bay.